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EO 11652: NA DECON 1/21/76

TAGS: PINS FR XF

SUBJ: TERRORIST INCIDENT AT ORLY

REF: STATE 13071

1. DEPT WILL HAVE NOTED FBIS REPORTS CARRYING PLO'S CONDEMNATION OF JAN 20 ABORTIVE ATTACK ON EL AL AIRLINER AT ORLY AIRPORT, TOGETHER WITH ITS DEMAND THAT THREE TERRORISTS NOW IN BAGHDAD BE HANDED OVER FOR TRIAL BEFORE A PLO "REVOLUTIONARY COURT". WE NOTE PLO-CONTROLLED VOICE OF PALESTINE FROM CAIRO HAS ALLEGED THAT ABU NIDAL'S REJECTIONIST GROUP WAS RESPONSIBLE FOR ORLY ATTACK, BUT PLO (Wafa) NEWS AGENCY HERE HAS SAID THAT PERPETRATORS HAVE NOT BEEN IDENTIFIED.

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2. LOCAL INDEPENDENT DAILY AN NAHAR REPORTED JAN 21 THAT IT RECEIVED WRITTEN STATEMENT PREVIOUS EVENING SIGNED MERELY BY "ARAB REVOLUTIONARIES" AND CLAIMING RESPONSIBILITY FOR ORLY INCIDENT. STATEMENT SAID THAT OPERATION HAD BEEN CARRIED OUT BY "MUHAMMAD BOUDIYA UNIT" BELONGING TO THIS GROUP, WHICH IT CALIMED "IS A WIDELY SPREAD ARAB REVOLUTIONARY MOVEMENT". STATEMENT WENT ON TO CLAIM THAT ORLY OPERATION HAD BEEN REPLY TO RECENT ISRAELI ATTACKS AIMED AT OCCUPYING SOUTH LEBANON AND "ENCIRCLING" SYRIA. IT CASTIGATED LEBANESE AUTHORITIES FOR NOT PROTECTING SOUTH LEBANON, PLO LEADERSHIP FOR HAVING CONDEMNED ORLY OPERATION, AND "CERTAIN ELEMENTS" OF FRENCH SECURITY APPARATUS FOR HAVING SHOWN "COMPLICITY" WITH KILLERS OF THREE PALESTINIANS (BOUDIYA, MAHMOUD HAMSHARI AND BASIL QUBAYSSI) IN PARIS OVER PAST TWO YEARS..

3. COMMENT: PLO COMDENMATION OF TERRORIST INCIDENTS SUCH AS THAT WHICH TOOK PLACE AT ORLY HAS OF COURSE BECOME STANDARD FARE IN RECENT MONTHS, AS HAS ITS VOW TO PLACE PERPETRATORS OF SUCH INCIDENTS ON TRIAL. COULD BE THAT THIS LATEST EXAMPLE OF MAVERICK PALESTINIAN TERRORISM (IF THAT IS WHAT IT IS) WILL INCREASE PRESSURES ON PLO TO ACTUALLY PUNISH OTHER CULPRITS (VC-10 HIJACKERS, ETC.) ALREADY IN ITS HANDS, BUT WHETHER 'ARAFAT AND CO. WILL PROVE BOLD ENOUGH TO DO SO REMAINS TO BE SEEN. FOR WHAT IT WORTH, WE NOTE THAT PLO DIATRIBES AGAINST "IRRESPONSIBLE" FEDAYEEN ELEMENTS (ESPECIALLY PFLP FOR ITS ALLEGED ROLE IN JAN 20 ROCKET ATTACK ON LEBANESE ARMY BARRACKS AT TYRE--SEE FBIS BE210710) HAVE BEEN PARTICULARLY SEVERE OF LATE.  
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